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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Hironori FUJIOKA, et al. : EXAMINER:
SERIAL NO: New Application :
FILED: Herewith : GROUP ART UNIT:
FOR: METHOD OF PRODUCING REDUCED IRON
AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-8 and 14-22 without prejudice as follows.

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Canceled)
- 4. (Canceled)
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REMARKS

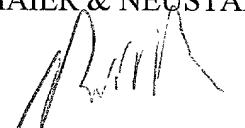
Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-13 are presently pending in this application, Claims 1-8 and 14-22 having been canceled by way of this Preliminary Amendment.

Examination on the merits of Claims 9-13 and an early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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